



**DRAFT MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
Wednesday, December 21 2011, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Roll Call:

Commissioners Donovan, Franco, Halasz, Hawley, Lupinsky were all present.

1. Council / Staff Liaison / Commissioners Reports

Staff Liaison Iarla reported on the recent council reorganization including that Councilmember Rebecca Benassini will be the Commissions Council liaison in 2012. Iarla also reported on upcoming City events.

2. Comments from the Public:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved (Halasz/Hawley) to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 16, 2011.
Unanimous

4. Presentation and Possible Action regarding the San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Public Art Project

Artists Jonathan Russell and Saori Ide presented renderings and some examples of full-sized sculptures for the San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Public Art alternate conceptual design. Staff provided an update from the City engineer regarding placement of the sculptures to be moved to the sidewalk-side of the light poles, not the street-side of the poles. The Artists and Commissioners discussed the images and possible locations/groupings. Commissioners provided feedback regarding the images.

There was consensus for all sculptures to be kinetic and installed on the sidewalk-side of the poles.

Moved (Hawley/Franco) to recommend the placement of the sculptures to be in two groups of six sculptures each. Unanimous

Moved (Hawley/Halasz) to recommend the Artists not use the image shown on page 12 and to modify the image on page 7 as discussed. Unanimous

The Commission also expressed interested in a walking tour along the Avenue to visit the proposed locations. Staff will coordinate this site visit with the Commission prior to the next regular meeting.

5. City Hall Gallery Space Exhibits

After a discussion regarding possible ways to work with local individuals and groups to promote exhibitions in the Gallery Space and partner with existing arts organizations, it was suggested that staff add the Richmond Art Center, the Berkeley Arts Center and Dyana Bhandari to the distribution list for Gallery Space Calls and information.

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6. Liaison Assignments

Chair Hawley said she would touch bases with Ifshin Violins and Commissioner Donovan announced information about the upcoming Contra Costa Civic Theater show.

- 7. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:** Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2012 (January meeting); Update on Arts and Culture Master Plan, Artist's Database, Request from Friends of Library, 510Arts.com

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.